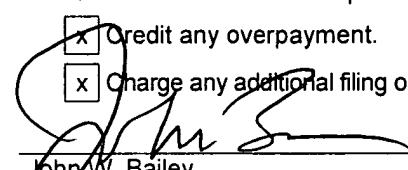


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. 0445-0309P	
Application No. 09/973,802-Conf. #008999		Filing Date October 11, 2001		Examiner W. P. Watkins	
				Art Unit 1772	
Applicant(s): Shoichi TANEICHI et al.					
Invention: BULKY SHEET MATERIAL HAVING THREE-DIMENSIONAL PROTRUSIONS					
<b>MS Amendment</b> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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Total Claims	14	- 26 =		x	
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Other fee (please specify): Extension for response within second month					450.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>					450.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. <u>02-2448</u> in the amount of \$ _____ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>450.00</u> to cover the filing fee is enclosed.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <u>02-2448</u> as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.					
 John W. Bailey Attorney Reg. No.: 32,881				Dated: <b>JAN 17 2006</b>	
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Va. 22313

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2005, the period for response having been extended up to and including January 19, 2006, following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

No claims are amended.